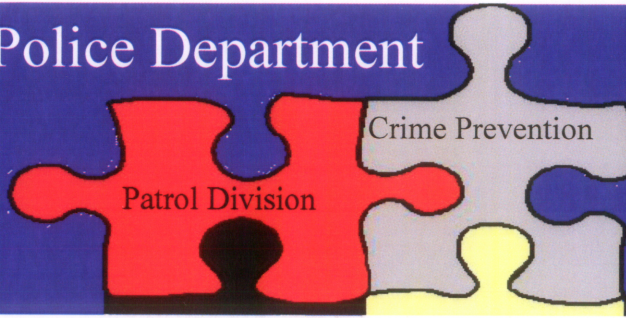




Menasha Police Department



07-07-09

Park Board members,

My apologies for not being able to make Monday's meeting night. As you requested I am providing a report on the status of Hart Park after May 1, 2009. Attached you will find 2 pages which describe every call for service from the police department to any park in Menasha from May 1, 2009 through July 7, 2009. The far right column is the report number column which indicates whatever the officer was investigating it rose to a level which necessitated additional documentation likely for follow-up or current/future arrest consideration or to document damage etc. It is also a quick way of seeing which calls were most important.

In the last 2 months the police have responded to all parks 74 times. Please note that if you are looking at the Skate Park you will need to view the locations listed as Hart Park AND Skatepark since apparently we use both terms when the clerk enters the call. 22/74 (roughly 30%) total calls stemmed from incidents at the Skatepark. At face value it is not entirely alarming until you see the IncCode (Incident Code) column which documents: weapon, disturbance(5), hazard, harassment and drugs. I further sifted all of these to determine who was the reporting party in the calls for service and found that only 2 of the 22 calls were reported by paid staff. Those calls were a lost found call and a juvenile complaint. All of the disturbances, drugs etc were reported by park users or passerbys.

This year the police department and park department have been in communication about the park supervisor position. Currently, the park department is hiring a peer or young adult and in the course of a normal background check is not entitled to see their juvenile criminal record which likely could provide great insight into the character of the young adult. The police department recommends a different approach to this monitor program by bringing an adult figure into the park. It is the park users themselves and Stan Sevenich who both indicate that the mischief doesn't occur when there is an adult presence. I would highly recommend that the Park Board and Department weigh carefully that suggestion.

Lastly, I have heard complaints in the ranks of patrol officers that the current supervisors are not wearing their staff shirts. A few times in particular a park supervisor seemed surprised to see police who were called to stop a fight observed by someone driving by. The park monitor had no idea what was going on either because he didn't want a friend to get in trouble or because he was so busy playing basketball he did not observe what was happening around him. I am told by patrol officers that this is not a rare occasion. The combination of the Family Dollar lot, skatepark and basketball courts have really created congestion in that small area. As you know I have made the statement before that from a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design perspective one of the best ways to achieve change to an unsafe area is to bring a safe activity. Unfortunately this is probably not a great time financially for the City to invest significant dollars to revamping the park and adding an additional feature.

I believe strongly that the park monitor program has worked effectively in the past and can work again in the future. The challenge is hiring an individual(s) with natural leadership skills. Since the park department does

not get access to juvenile arrest records we suggest looking to hire an adult. As members of the Park Board pointed out earlier this park does attract teenagers and some people have the perception that all teenagers are bad. In reality, most of the teenagers also do not want to have to deal with harassment, drugs, weapons or fighting either. The police department has also allotted directed patrol to the Hart Park area and as soon as our K-9 unit arrived several car loads of kids decided to leave. Regardless of your decision on the basketball hoops I surmise our next and equally important challenge is to make changes to the environment to discourage the park users from parking in the privately owned Family Dollar lot and interfering with their business and customers. I firmly believe that if we could find the right person to monitor the park we could easily affect permanent change to the area without manipulating the environment. Adding a human layer of security is costly but in this case would be less than the costs associated with fencing, adding an additional "safe" activity, and web enabled security cameras an alternative approach. The patrol still advises that the problems documented are more closely related to the basketball courts and not the skaters.

Other items to note are:

The weapon complaint listed involved a caller who drove through the Family Dollar lot to see a male parked near the basketball hoops holding a handgun. After numerous hours of investigation we learned that it was an air soft gun which very closely resembles a real firearm.

The harassment complaint involved a group of kids who were hanging out and began name-calling and then ended up punching a girl in the face twice. None of the individuals involved were there to skate. Officers also relayed that a group of kids flashing gang signs were kicked out of the pool and went directly to Hart Park.

We recently requested park eviction on 2 juveniles. 1 eviction will stand. The other eviction will not stand due to the juvenile not being found guilty. Her caseworker (this means she has a history of criminal offenses) recommended that although the actions were unacceptable the juvenile was willing to participate in mediation with the other party to resolve their differences but since the other party refused to participate this juvenile should not be held responsible entirely and recommended to the DA that the charges be dropped. I mention the above to further demonstrate the juvenile justice system does have the final say in whether we hold people responsible or recommend that the whole situation be dismissed. Unfortunately for us, since the two people have not resolved their differences and now have suffered no consequences for their unacceptable and illegal actions I am not sure what will prevent them from replicating the incident.

Lastly, our Summer intern is busy working on a community survey in District 5 which may also shed some light on the attitudes and perceptions of some of the parks in Menasha. I will certainly share the results of that survey when they are compiled.

In Service,

Jeff Jorgenson

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